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Statement of Substance of Interview (37 CFR 1.33(b))

This statement is provided to memorialize the substance of an interview held September 8, 2005 between the undersigned attorney for applicant and the Examiner for the above-referenced patent application.

Distinctions between the pending claims and U.S. Patent No. 5,706,224 to Srinivasan et al. ("Srinivasan") were discussed. In particular, applicant's attorney emphasized that Srinivasan does not disclose priority numbers as recited in applicant's claim 29. No agreement was reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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